

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action that was mailed on April 25, 2006. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication that this application is claiming allowable subject matter. Claims 1-8 are pending, of which claims 2, 3, and 5-7 are withdrawn species. The Examiner is respectfully urged to *rejoin* claims 2, 3, and 5-7.

Claim 1 is amended to delete various embodiments. No additional or new subject matter is introduced into the application by this Amendment. Entry of this Amendment – in order to place the application into condition for allowance or into better condition for appeal – is respectfully solicited.

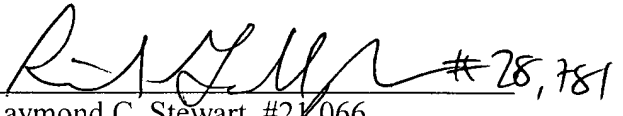
Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by EP 466096 (Minami). Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by JP 05051418 (Kanayama). Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *J. Med. Chem.*, 41:1540-1554 (Cinque). Inasmuch as claim 1 no longer recites that the variable “W” can be an oxygen atom, a carbonyl group, or a sulfonyl group, the claim distinguishes over the respective disclosures of Cinque, Kanayama, and Minami.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejections of record and to pass all of claims 1-8 herein to Issue.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Richard Gallagher (Reg. No. 28,781) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP

By  #28,781
Raymond C. Stewart, #21,066

RCS/RG/mao
3273-0182P

P.O. Box 747
Falls Church, VA 22040-0747
(703) 205-8000